



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD (ERB)
Unincorporated Coastal Zone, Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles County
Meeting of 17 December 2012**

(Approved via email 2 January 2013)

Persons in Attendance

ERB Members

Rosi Dagit
Ron Durbin
Suzanne Goode
Richard Ibarra

Regional Planning Staff

Joe Decruyenaere
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Item 3

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AGENDA ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Project No.: R2007-02269 / Permit Nos.: ROAK T201100023, RPPT 201000801, RENV T201200161 / APN: 4461-013-017
26557 Ocean View Drive, Malibu—Attachment 1**

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Project No: R2012-02765 / Permit No.: RZCR 201201078 / APNs: 4455-021-081 and -908
Cold Creek Canyon, Calabasas (Cold Creek West Preserve Restoration Planting Plan)—Attachment 2**

3. **Project No.: R2012-02155 / Permit Nos.: RCUP201200121, RENV201200224 / APN: 4455-036-017 (adjacent)
1407U Cold Canyon Road, Monte Nido—Attachment 3**

OTHER MATTERS

4. **Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code—No comments from the public were made.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes of the 19 November 2012 meeting were approved by electronic mail on 20 November 2012. David Magney motioned to approve and Rosi Dagit seconded the motion.

By unanimous approval by ERB and project proponents, Kevin Finkel and Gina Natoli were granted *pro tempore* status as ERB members for the purpose of providing a quorum.

NOTE: ERB meetings are informal working sessions. Members are appointed as volunteers to serve in an advisory capacity. Minutes are prepared by planning staff from notes and tape. Visitors are advised to take notes or record the meeting. New or clarified information presented in biota revisions may raise new issues and require further analysis. Minutes are generally approved via electronic mail. Draft minutes may be requested but are subject to revision. Meetings are open for public observation, and brief comments may be made by the public about the biology of the project sites.

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Project No.: R2007-02269
Permit Nos.: ROAK T201100023, RPPT 201000801, RENV T201200161
APN: 4461-013-017
Location: 26557 Ocean View Drive, Malibu
Applicant: Malibu Design Associates, Inc.

Proposal: New two-story 1,979 sq. ft. single-family residence, with 3-car attached garage and septic system. The subject property is 23,020 sq. ft. Proposed grading includes 22 CY cut and 22 CY fill (0 CY export). An oak tree permit is required to authorize encroachment into the protected zone of two oak trees in the location of the proposed driveway.

Resource: Latigo Canyon ESHA

Request: Project was previously reviewed by ERB (December 2003) and determined to be Consistent after Modifications. The current proposal is for a project that is equal to or less in magnitude of disturbance than the previously reviewed project and is being brought to ERB for confirmation that the previous determination and recommendations still apply. The ERB recommendations will be used as guidelines for the Director's Review and as part of any necessary environmental review of the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Projects normally exempt from CEQA are subject to environmental review when in sensitive locations [PRC §15300.2(a)].

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ERB Evaluation: Consistent Consistent after Modifications
 Inconsistent

Comments and Recommendations

1. Maximize the use of non-reflective surfaces in order to cut down on visibility from trails and scenic vistas.
2. Avoid the use of fencing around undeveloped portions of the property.
3. Incorporate project design features to ensure detention of storm water complies with current RWQCB requirements.
4. Minimize outdoor lighting in observance of Rural Lighting District standards. All security lighting should be on motion-detectors and shielded so as not to illuminate adjacent natural areas.
5. Incorporate stone textures or a cryptic paint scheme to screen cantilever walls.
6. The project remains consistent with the Land Use Plan with the incorporation of the above recommendations and all previously suggested modifications as provided by ERB.

Staff Evaluation: Consistent Consistent after Modifications
 Inconsistent

Comments and Recommendations

1. Maximize the use of cisterns or other stormwater retention devices; provide a drainage plan that shows how all runoff from a ¾" storm, including that from paved surfaces and roofs, will be retained on site.
2. Submit a landscape/fuel modification plan for review and approval by DRP; landscaping shall provide a visual screening and erosion-preventative function. New landscaping shall consist only of locally indigenous native plants outside of Fuel Modification Zone A.
3. Submit an updated oak tree report for review and approval as part of the processing for the project Oak Tree Permit.

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Project No.: R2012-02765
Permit No.: RZCR 201201078
APNs: 4455-021-081 and -908
Location: Cold Creek Canyon, Calabasas
Applicant: Mountains Restoration Trust

Proposal: Provision of 0.49 acres of wetland and riparian restoration and enhancement along Cold Creek, and dedication as County Park land, as partial mitigation for the Southern California Gas Company Sullivan Canyon Pipeline Protection Plan Project. The Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Program (HMMP) is intended to satisfy a portion of the required mitigation for the following regulatory permit requirements:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Individual Permit 2009-00087-KW
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board: Water Quality Certification 08-162 and 08-082
- California Department of Fish and Game: Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2008-0406-R5

Resource: Malibu/Cold Creek Resource Management Area and ESHAs

Request: Review the HMMP and provide recommendations to the MRT.

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Comments and Recommendations

1. Place mulch or gravel along work area access routes and use tracked vehicles under oak and riparian canopies to reduce damage from vehicles to soils and roots.
2. Use manual methods for concrete removal near oak trees and have an arborist on site during all work conducted near oak trees.
3. For non-native tree removal, cut trunks below ground surface and bury the cut stump in order to reduce the chance of insect infestation.

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 Inconsistent

Comments and Recommendations

1. Incorporate Fish's milkwort (*Polygala cornuta*) in planting plan along restored tributary banks if impacted by riprap removal.

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PROJECT NO. R2012-02155 / Permit Nos. RCUP201200121, RENV201200224

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SITE PLAN REVISION DATED MARCH 12, 2012

First ERB Meeting

PROPOSED PROJECT: Conditional Use Permit to place a pole-mounted wireless telecommunication facility (WTF) in the public right-of-way on a new wood utility pole. The proposed utility pole-mounted WTF will be comprised of a new 30' wood utility pole with a set of six 6' panel antennas mounted to 8' cross arms at an elevation of approximately 29'. One 17 ft 1.5 in X 7 ft 1.5 in X 16 ft 6 in controlled environment vault is proposed as part of the project to reduce the amount of above ground elements. Above ground features include the replacement meter pedestal, drive bollards and ventilation stacks for the vault.

The subject property is located at 1407U Cold Canyon Road, Monte Nido, within the **Malibu/Cold Creek Resource Management Area**.

SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE DESCRIPTION: The Malibu/Cold Creek Resource Management Area has been delineated as a buffer to protect the exceptional biological values of Malibu Canyon and lagoon and to preserve the relationship between the integrity of the canyon/lagoon system and the activities in the adjacent watershed extending far upstream. The area encompasses sensitive riparian woodlands and is an inherent component of the canyon/lagoon ecosystem.

ERB COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Place equipment on the existing pole to the north (or replacement pole in the same location) rather than erecting a new pole in a new location.
2. ERB strongly recommends the use of artificial trees (mimicking oaks or other broad-leaved species) in place of poles for cellular antenna installations.

ACTION TAKEN: Further ERB review may be required; incorporate the above recommendation in a revised site plan.